Fact Sheet 4

John Day Basin Resource Management Plan Bureau of Land Management, Prineville Field Office, Oregon

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The RMP Process and Timeline

Pre-plan

The BLM begins the planning process by identifying preliminary issues, estimating a budget and planning schedule, and identifying data needs. During this step, the BLM publishes a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register to inform the public of the planning process and begin the scoping process. *The John Day Basin RMP NOI was published in February 2006.*

Analysis of the Management Situation

BLM specialists analyze the planning area's resources, environmental conditions, uses, and current management. Public scoping meetings are usually held at this time to help identify issues and concerns. This initial analysis can be included in the scoping report, which summarizes comments from public meetings and other outreach and uses this information, along with staff input, to refine issues and planning criteria. *We published the AMS and Scoping Report together, in fall 2006*.

Draft RMP and Draft EIS

In the Draft RMP/EIS, the BLM formulates alternatives, analyzes their impacts, and identifies a preferred alternative. Completion of the Draft RMP/EIS is announced through a Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register, as well as other public outreach methods such as media releases and mailings. A public comment period of at least 90 days commences. *We anticipate publication of the Draft RMP/EIS and NOA in early 2008*.

Proposed RMP and Final EIS

The PRMP/FEIS incorporate comments received from public input and interagency review. The BLM refines alternatives and impact analysis as necessary. An NOA is issued, beginning a 30-day protest period and 60-day governor's review. Protests are resolved, and if necessary, a notice of significant change is issued. We plan to publish the PRMP/FEIS and NOA in fall 2008.

Approved RMP and Record of Decision

The BLM State Director approves the RMP and ROD after comments are incorporated and further refinement of the RMP has been completed. The BLM begins to implement the RMP's decisions and conduct monitoring and evaluation. *The RMP/ROD will be published in fall 2009*.

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